Swimming Pool Maintenance

Stormwater Best Management Practices



Swimming pools must be maintained properly to ensure that chemicals do not enter the street or storm drain system where they can be discharged directly into our rivers and lakes. Products such as chlorine and bromine that control pH, bacteria, and algae can also pollute water and harm wildlife.

What Can I Do?

Drain pool using one of these methods:

- 1. Drain into sanitary sewer cleanout.
- 2. Drain onto your property making sure no water leaves the property.
- Drain freshwater swimming pool water into street or gutter making sure the water has been de-chlorinated/debrominated.

Did You Know?

Each municipality and even some HOAs have different rules for pool discharge. Consult your local municipality and/or HOA prior to draining your pool.

Filter Maintenance:

- Do NOT discharge filter backwash water into street or storm drain; use the sanitary sewer cleanout or maintain discharge on your property.
- Do NOT clean or rinse filter or cartridges into street or storm drain.





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